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June 30, 1999

Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814
Attn: Ms. Mosie Boyd, Planner

Dear Ms. Boyd:

**RE: CEQA NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FORM, SITE 14 (FORMER SMALL ARMS
RANGE) NAVAL TRAINING CENTER, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**

Attached to this letter is a "Notice of Exemption" signed by the Executive Officer of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board - San Diego. This notice is filed in connection with site remediation being conducted by the U.S. Navy at the Installation Restoration Program (IRP), Site 14, former Naval Training Center (NTC), San Diego located in San Diego County. The rationale for exemption from CEQA is provided on the attached form.

Please contact me at (858) 467-2980 or via e-mail at walsc@rb9.swrcb.ca.gov if you have any questions regarding this letter or the attached form.

Sincerely,

COREY M. WALSH, Associate Engineering Geologist
Site Mitigation and Cleanup Unit

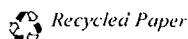
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Enclosure: Notice of Exemption (CEQA) dated June 28, 1999

FILE: 30-0092.N02, Department of Defense, Naval Training Center, San Diego California

California Environmental Protection Agency



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: California Regional Water Quality
Control Board, San Diego Region
9771 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.,
Suite A, San Diego, CA 92124

Project Title:

Excavation and off-site disposal of lead and antimony contaminated soils from Installation Restoration Program (IRP) Site 14, former Small Arms Range No. 2, to an appropriate U.S. EPA certified landfill facility.

Project Location - Specific:

Located in northeast section of the former Naval Training Center (NTC), San Diego, California on Chauncey Road near the intersection of Cushing Road (former Building 192). IRP Site 14, also known as Point of Interest (POI) 29 was the former Small Arms Range No. 2.

Project - Location - City:

San Diego

Project - Location -County:

San Diego County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The U.S. Navy selected excavation and transportation of approximately 3,240 cubic yards of contaminated soils from the site for disposal at an appropriate U.S. EPA certified landfill facility. This remedial alternative was selected in the "Action Memorandum Non-Time-Critical Removal Action" dated May, 1999.

Reason Project is Exempt:

This site qualifies for a Categorical Exemption under Section 15330 "... minor cleanup actions taken to prevent, minimize, stabilize, mitigate, or eliminate the release or threat of release of a hazardous waste or substance which are small or medium removal actions costing \$1 million or less.". See attachment for reference.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

The United States Department of the Navy

Name of Public Agency Carrying Out Project:

The United States Department of the Navy

Contact Person:

Corey Walsh

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(858) 467-2980

If filed by applicant:

N/A

Date Received for Filing: _____

Signature



Title:

Executive Officer

June 30, 1999

Title 14. California Code of Regulations
Chapter 3. Guidelines for Implementation of the
California Environmental Quality Act

Article 19. Categorical Exemptions

15330. Minor Actions to Prevent, Minimize, Stabilize, Mitigate or Eliminate
the Release or Threat of Release of Hazardous Waste or Hazardous Substances.

Class 30 consists of any minor cleanup actions taken to prevent, minimize, stabilize, mitigate, or eliminate the release or threat of release of a hazardous waste or substance which are small or medium removal actions costing \$1 million or less. No cleanup action shall be subject to this Class 31 exemption if the action requires the onsite use of a hazardous waste incinerator or thermal treatment unit, with the exception of low temperature thermal desorption, or the relocation of residences or businesses, or the action involves the potential release into the air of volatile organic compounds as defined in Health and Safety Code section 25123.6, except for small scale in situ soil vapor extraction and treatment systems which have been permitted by the local Air Pollution Control District or Air Quality Management District. All actions must be consistent with applicable state and local environmental permitting requirements including, but not limited to, air quality rules such as those governing volatile organic compounds and water quality standards, and approved by the regulatory body with jurisdiction over the site. Examples of such minor cleanup actions include but are not limited to:

- (a) Removal of sealed, non-leaking drums or barrels of hazardous waste or substances that have been stabilized, containerized and are designated for a lawfully permitted destination;
- (b) Maintenance or stabilization of berms, dikes, or surface impoundments;
- (c) Construction or maintenance of interim or temporary surface caps;
- (d) Onsite treatment of contaminated soils or sludges provided treatment system meets Title 22 requirements and local air district requirements;
- (e) Excavation and/or offsite disposal of contaminated soils or sludges in regulated units;
- (f) Application of dust suppressants or dust binders to surface soils;
- (g) Controls for surface water run-on and run-off that meets seismic safety standards;
- (h) Pumping of leaking ponds into an enclosed container;
- (i) Construction of interim or emergency ground water treatment systems;
- (j) Posting of warning signs and fencing for a hazardous waste or substance site that meets legal requirements for protection of wildlife.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21087, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21084, Public Resources Code.

Discussion: This defines certain minor hazardous waste or hazardous substances cleanup actions as a class of exempt projects. This exemption is intended to speed such cleanups, while at the same time providing sufficient safeguards to ensure that no significant environmental effects may occur as a result. Application of this exemption, as all categorical exemptions, is limited by the factors described in section 15300.2.